

## Message Text

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FOR IOP/M, IEU

E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - ILO

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM "TIMES OF MALTA" EDITORIAL  
OF NOVEMBER 3:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION,  
ALTHOUGH EXPECTED FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, CAME AS A  
STUNNING BLOW WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER FORMALLY CONFIRMED IT  
ON WEDNESDAY. THERE WERE HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD  
CHANGE ITS MIND AT THE LAST MOMENT NOT BECAUSE THE I.L.O.,  
WHOM THE U.S. HAD ACCUSED OF BEING DOMINATED BY COMMUNISTS  
AND THIRD WORLD STATES, HAD CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE, BUT  
BECAUSE THE AMERICANS WERE EXPECTED TO STAY AND FIGHT....

3. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A SLIGHT HOPE THAT NOT ALL IS LOST.  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE NOT  
BEYOND RECONCILIATION. WITH THE U.S. HAVING GIVEN NOTICE  
TWO YEARS AGO WHEN MR. GERALD FORD WAS PRESIDENT AND WITH  
NO VISIBLE IMPROVEMENT HAVING BEEN MADE, IT MAY BE HOWEVER  
THAT THIS RECONCILIATION IS NOT JUST ROUND THE CORNER. END TEXT.  
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